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1. THE PROLONGED ABSENCE OF PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN AND SENIOR MILITARY FIGURE YEH CHIEN-YING SINCE HIS APPEARANCE AT ARMY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN PEKING JULY 31 WAS UNDERScoreD BY HIS FAILURE TO TURN OUT FOR ANY OF THE EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE VISIT OF NIGERIAN GENERAL GOWON.

2. YEH'S FAILURE TO APPEAR DURING THIS TIME PERIOD COULD, OF COURSE, BE THE RESULT OF SOME ILLNESS, OR IT MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SOME ROLE IN THE CURRENT EFFORTS TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO'S MILITARY LINE. BUT WITH KANG SHENG INACTIVE FOR YEARS, CHOU AWAY SICK, AND LI TEH-SHENG OUT OF SIGHT AND UNDER A CLOUD, YEH AND WANG HUNG-WEN ARE THE ONLY TWO PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN WHO COULD BE EXPECTED TO APPEAR ON THE SCENE AT THIS TIME OF PRESUMED REGIME PREOCCUPATION WITH THE SUCCESSION QUESTION.

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